

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SANITARY CONDITION
OF THE
Crowle Urban District
For the Year, 1919.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Sixth Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of your district for the year 1919.

Population.

For the Birth rate the population is 3,125.

For the Death rate the population is 3,000.

These figures are supplied to me from Somerset House.

Births.

The number of Births is 65, or 20·8 per 1,000.

The average for England and Wales is 13·8 per 1,000.

Of these Births 35 were boys and 30 were girls.

Last year the total Births were 59—27 boys and 32 girls.

This year the births exceed those of last year by 6.

Last year the illegitimates were 8; this year there is one, or 1·53 per-cent.

Deaths.

There have been 35 during the year, or 11·66 per 1,000, compared to 13·8 for England and Wales.

Last year there were 38.

Of these Deaths, I am sorry to say, 7 have died under 1 year.

The number of Births being 59 and the number of Deaths 35, there is a natural increase of 24.

Last year the natural increase was 21.

Of these Deaths 2 were from Cancer.

3 from Heart Disease.

1 from Bronchitis.

1 from Appendicitis.

Seven died over 80 years of age.

Zymotic Disease.

During the year the District has been very free from infectious disease, there having been

- 2 cases of Erysipelas,
- 2 cases of Scarlet Fever,
- 1 case of Diphtheria,
- 3 cases of Tuberculosis.

In cases of suspicious Diphtheria I give the serum before waiting for a swab to be sent away and verified, and so save time and anxiety.

The Influenza epidemic which was so severe last year did not return in the same acute form as last year, though we had one death from it.

The best preventatives for Influenza, as far as I know, are to keep oneself comfortably warm, the feet dry, and the bowels open and regular.

From the other infectious disease we have had one death from Erysipelas.

Disinfection.

The houses are disinfected with formalin.

Creche.

The Creche has not been re-opened owing to not being able to get suitable premises.

Dwellinghouses.

There is a scarcity of these at present, but it is expected that in the near future this will be rectified.

Housing Accommodation.

There have been 8 representations made to the Local Authorities.

Six houses have been repaired.

There have been 3 cases of overcrowding.

One new house has been built.

Water Supply.

The houses are supplied by wells and soft water cisterns.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Supply.

There are 24 on the register, and 144 inspections have been made. The inspections are made every two months.

There are 66 cows in the District, and there has been no contravention of regulations.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 7 in the District. Eighty-four inspections were made and no contravention of the regulations made.

Bake Houses.

There are 3 in the District, one less than last year. Thirty-eight inspections have been made, and no contravention of the Bye-laws.

Unsound Food.

None was found.

Pollution of Rivers.

There are no rivers in the District.

Disposal of Refuse and Excrement.

The refuse is removed by the public Scavenger, and is removed from each house every 3 months, being finally deposited on the land.

One-hundred-and-twenty-five pails or boxes are emptied weekly.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one in the District, and 12 inspections have been made. There has been no contravention of the Bye-laws.

Offensive Trades.

There are none in the District.

Schools.

There are three, viz :—Council School, National School, and Catholic School.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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